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IN THIS ISSUE---INSIDE STORY OF.... THE SPIRIT!!!

All the info on the campest hero and his Bat-family

Barbara "Batgirl" Gordon lives in a world of books, we all know. But not too many folks know that Infantino and Sid Greene write books (hardbacks, not comics). See Detective #359 Jan., page 5, panel 4. On Barbara's right, just below the "thought balloon", are books by the prankish duo. Now, see Detective #363 May, page 11, panel 5. The blue book is by "S. Greene" and the green one is by Infantino, the Italian master of the pencil. - - - Mark Dillman

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THE COMIC BOOK REVIEW

BATMAN #192 featured "The Crystal Ball That Betrayed Batman!" and "Dick Grayson's Secret Guardian!", the latter being another solo Robin story. The "Crystal Ball" story was really sort of a mystery story which gave some suspense for the reader. "Dick Grayson's Secret Guardian" was a quite adventurous story with an amazing conclusion.

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DETECTIVE #363 featured "The True-False Face of Batman" in which the Caped Crusader reveals his secret identity to Batgirl, only to discourage her into thinking he is really not

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Bruce Wayne! #364 features a mysterious new villain who challenges Batman & Robin with riddles in the format of the Riddler, jokes, the Joker's trademark, and astounding escapes in the fasion of the Getaway Genius! in... "The Curious Case of the Clue-less Crimes".

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The new Batman Giant features more bizzare roles and another newspaper syndicated story!

INSIDE STORY OF...

THE SPIRIT

The Spirit enjoyed a life of suspense in the early 1950's. He kept all his anti-crime equipment and his famous crime laboratory at Wildwood Cemetery, a fitting place for a "spirit"! He did all his work with the help of Commissioner Dolan and (in some stories) a small friend called Ebony. His girl was Ellen, the commissioner's daughter.

Through the years he met up with such dastardly villains as The Octopus and Hans Knagle Von Schmertz. He also tangled with such baddies as the Gooley boys and mechanical robots created by a mad scientist. (These two stories were reprinted in The Spirit #12, 1964 by Super Comics.)

The Spirit was created by Will Eisner.** He was originally created by Eisner as a master of mystery, and today he still is.

Some of the original and very first Spirit stories are currently being reprinted by Harvey Publications in giant super-hero thriller tales entitled Spirit Thriller Giants. The first issue of this Harvey Thriller was such a big hit with readers that a second issue was prepared. Issue #2 even featured a letters column in which readers' letters to THE SPIRIT were presented. Will there be a third issue? Only time will tell.

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Which of these comic heroes would you like to see an "Inside Story" article on? (in future issues)

PLASTICMAN, THE HUMAN TORCH, THE ATOM, THE FLASH, HAWKMAN, WILDCAT, STARMAN, CAPT. MIDNIGHT, DR. MIDNIGHT, SPECTRE, BLUE BLAZE, SUB-MARINER, DAREDEVIL, BLACKHAWK, GREEN HORNET, FIGHTING AMERICAN, or you name it! (all of these heroes are the originals)

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See ya next ish?

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